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A GET-TO-GETHER OCCASION

TO BE REALITY—DATE SET FOR OPENING OF COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY BY JUDGE CLARK.

SATURDAY, AUGUST TWENTY-FIRST

Has Started by Former County Clerk J. G. Watts—Heartily Endorsed by Citizens.

What promises to be the next largest event this year to the Columbia County fair, is the "Get-Together Drive and Picnic," scheduled for Saturday, August 21st, when the whole south end of Columbia county, this means every man, woman and child, are invited to make a drive to the Clatsop county line over the new highway, which by that date will be passable and in fair condition for traffic, returning for lunch to Clatskanie.

As stated in the last issue of the Mist, a picnic will then be held in the northern city. In fact it will be a great big basket picnic dinner, where hundreds of filled baskets will bulge with good things for the inner man, and if the citizens of Clatskanie feel inclined to furnish their park and something that is of a more or less wet nature, like water or coffee, they will have done their part towards making the occasion the success that it should be, and there remains no doubt but what they will gladly do this and much more. After this great feast, a couple of hours will be spent in a "Get-Together Meeting," when speakers from Scappoose, Warren, Yankton, St. Helens, Deer Island, Rainier, Gobie, Clatskanie and other places, will be invited to elaborate for five minutes on the many good things of the county.

The idea of this drive and picnic, as suggested by J. G. Watts, the originator of the plan, is to get the people of the county better acquainted, to get them to know each other better, to spend a sociable day with our fellowman and to observe what the new highway looks like, to learn what difficulties were overcome in getting this highway in such good condition, and where all the money has been spent.

"By August 21st, the highway will be passable and in fairly good condition to travel, and it is the desire of the County Court that the people of Columbia county fall in line with this movement, that they take a day off, if you please, and make the trip over this 'peoples' road.' The trip can easily be made in a day and spend several hours at Clatskanie, where those gathered together can discuss county matters and become better acquainted," stated County Judge Clark, when talking of the event.

This "Get-Together Drive and Picnic" is entirely separate from the trip which will be made by the State Highway commission and others Thursday of next week, and is to be wholly a county affair.

Committees have been appointed by those in charge of the movement to arrange for transportation facilities, program, etc., and in a few days will have definite arrangements completed.

The Business Men's Club of Clatskanie have invited the Commercial Club of St. Helens to join with them in making the occasion a greater success.

I. O. O. F. LODGE TO WOODLAND

Accepting an invitation from Woodland lodge, No. 138, thirty members of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, No. 117, journeyed across the river Saturday night, where they were royally entertained by the sister lodge.

After an interesting literary pro-

CHARLES CORDES FOUND DEAD

At His Home in Deer Island Saturday 9 o'clock, at the rear of his residence in Deer Island, by James Andrews and Will Bush, the body lying only a few feet from the back door.

The lifeless form of Charles Cordes was found Saturday morning about 9 o'clock, at the rear of his residence in Deer Island, by James Andrews and Will Bush, the body lying only a few feet from the back door.

Not having noticed Cordes for several days, Bush and Andrews began to make inquiries among the merchants, and found that his mail for Thursday had not been taken from the postoffice, and it being his habit to call for it every morning, as he was a great reader, they immediately suspected something was wrong, and went to his home.

Sheriff Stanwood and Coroner White were immediately notified, and went to the scene. At first it seemed to be the opinion among his neighbors that death was due to foul play, but after an examination by Dr. A. J. Peel, it was found that valvular heart trouble caused from over exertion, was the cause of his death.

Only a couple of feet from where the body lay, stood a cherry tree, which Cordes had undertaken to cut down, and had succeeded in nearly sawing it through, when evidently the saw pinched and in an endeavor to get the saw out, the old man over-exerted himself, toppling to the ground, death doubtless being instantaneous.

An examination was made of the house, but nothing had been molested, even his watch, which had stopped at 5:20, hung on a nail near a window.

After considerable searching, the address of a brother-in-law and a niece in Weiner, Arkansas, were found, and they were notified of his death.

His pension papers showed that he had served in the civil war, enlisting in Company F, Second Regiment, in



CHARLES CORDES. Photo made in 1892.

Missouri, on the 2nd day of April, 1863, and received his discharge in the month of November, the same year. Only a few days ago he received his pension of \$45 from the government, and \$30.55 of this amount, with a bunch of keys and a pocket knife, were found in his pockets.

Cordes came to this section some twenty-two years ago, and had accumulated some little property and wealth. He was born in Germany, June 1st, 1846. He was never married, and for the last few years has lived alone.

His body was brought to the coroner's parlors, where it was prepared for burial. Upon advice of a brother-in-law at Weiner, Arkansas, the body was buried at Deer Island, Tuesday afternoon, funeral services being held from the City Hall by Rev. Sanford Snyder.

gram had been rendered, in which the Noble Grand of the home lodge gave an address of welcome followed by responses by J. W. Allen and W. J. Fullerton and remarks by Jesse Lansing, C. M. Beeler and Capt. Spinner, the assemblage retired to the dining hall where plates had been spread for one hundred persons.

It proved to be one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season for the lodges.

PIONEER COUPLE WILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lott, Who Were Wed August 6, 1865, Recall Hardships Encountered in Early Days.



MR. AND MRS. T. B. LOTT.

With a large number of friends and relatives present, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lott will celebrate their golden wedding tonight at their home in this city. The rooms will be elaborately decorated in gold and white, with a profusion of flowers being used.

A short musical program, with vocal and instrumental numbers, will be given, after which refreshments will be served.

T. B. Lott was born in Illinois in 1844, and moved to Iowa in 1856. In the year 1861, at the age of 17 years, he enlisted in the Ninth Iowa Infantry, and saw hard service until 1864, when he was mustered out. At the battle of Pearlridge, in Benton County, Arkansas, he, with his regiment, numbering 560, entered the fight at early morn, and in the evening only 320 of his fellow comrades returned, so desperate was the struggle.

Incidentally, he formed the acquaintance of a young lady, Miss Azilda J. Magoon, while visiting with friends in his home town. Their wedding was celebrated at Elgin, Iowa, August 6, 1865.

In 1883, Mr. and Mrs. Lott moved to a homestead in South Dakota, where they lived until the year 1894, when they started westward, landing in Oregon, five years later coming to

St. Helens, living here continuously. In these years the couple had shared all the privations of a frontier life, had lived in sod houses, dugouts, log houses and slab houses, and had burned twisted hay for fuel.

Soon after their marriage, Mrs. Lott joined the Wesleyan church, of which her husband was a member, having been converted and joined the church in 1860. She has, until recently, when she was forced to quit, due to failing health, been active both in church and W. C. T. U. work.

During their Christian life they have read and re-read the new testament of the bible through forty-five times in their family devotions, and "have found it a source of great comfort and a great balance-wheel to our life."

The early trials of the pioneer couple and the hardships endured and overcome and their subsequent successes, intermingled with disappointments, furnishes a complete experience of thousands who braved the vicissitudes of frontier life as they came, and enjoyed the triumphs which they won.

Mr. and Mrs. Lott reared no children of their own, but three homeless boys were taken into the home and reared to a useful and honorable manhood.

COUNTY WILL BE OUT OF DEBT

By October This Year, Except Bond Issue—Warrants Being Called.

Present indications are that Columbia county will be out of debt by the first of October, with the exception of the road indebtedness of \$360,000.

County Treasurer Hattan is calling for all warrants up till two months back. This is a remarkably good showing for the county. Following is the money on hand for the various funds on August 1st, as reported by Treasurer Hattan:

General, \$4372.07; County Road, \$32,860.26; County School, \$110.69; State School, \$0.01; Special Road, \$9588.53; Special School, \$5202.45; City, \$522.10; Library, \$451.99; Special deposit, \$307.14; Indemnity, \$74.65; Soldiers and Sailors Indemnity, \$987.67; Trust, \$602.05; Game, \$45.50; Fire Patrols, \$90.87; Nehalem Bond, \$4387.77; Clatskanie-Mist Bond, \$2.80; Pittsburg Bond, \$1571.94; Road District No. 1, \$1288.14; No. 2, \$165.27; No. 3, \$5077.62; No. 4, \$2796.78; No. 5, \$3684.74; No. 6, \$1632.25; No. 7, \$4452.31; No. 7, Special, \$6827.95;

total, \$87,103.31; Columbia Bond, \$371.72; \$86,731.63 on hand.

WILL VIEW HIGHWAY.

August 12—Governor Withycombe to Accompany Party—Drive to Gearhart and Return.

Judge A. L. Clark received a communication the past week from Julius L. Meier, president of the Columbia Highway association, that state officials have been invited to make a trip with the members of the association over the lower Columbia River highway, the trip scheduled for Thursday, August 12.

Included in the party, with members of the State Highway commission, will be Governor Withycombe, Secretary of State Olcott and Treasurer Thomas Kay. Mr. Meier also expects a number of Portland good road enthusiasts to make the trip, which will be made through to Gearhart, a distance of 122 miles, returning the following day.

County Judge Clark and Commissioners Weed and Harvey plan to pilot the party to the Clatsop county line.

WAR'S LESSON OF ECONOMY

What It Means to the United States. Economist Gives Views.

The National City Bank of New York, in its letter concerning the war, states that the war expenditures have equalled the most extravagant predictions; also that the war is teaching the people of Europe economy.

The extravagance of the American people is almost as wasteful as the European war. Every principle of political economy teaches us that money spent in extravagance is of no permanent benefit to the community, even though it may provide temporary employment to many people. When the European nations spend enormous amounts of money in powder, shot and cannon, those articles are only of value until they are used and their value absolutely ceases after that. The same statement applies to money spent by the American people (either the idle rich or the middle classes) in extravagant living.

The United States of America is a rich country in spite of the extravagance of its inhabitants—not on account of it. Our national resources have been so great that we have been able to waste them in unlimited amounts, and still remain the richest country in the world. The time has now been reached, however, when, if we desire to prosper in the future, we must husband our resources; both as a nation and as individuals.

Our towns, our counties, our States and the nation itself, have all entered into an era of the wildest kind of extravagance, as is shown by the fact that the taxes in every community of this country have fabulously increased in the last ten years, and that public bonds are being sold as fast as the printing press can turn them out, and someone can be found to buy them. Not only do our public bodies spend money for needed improvements, such as roads, sewers and courthouses, but every community, no matter how small, must have its public auditorium and all of the modern extravagances possible to the largest cities.

The great countries of Europe, like France and Germany, are rich and powerful because their people are thrifty. They are able to carry on great wars on account of the accumulated savings of their people, and, with these savings, they have been able to buy up the bonds which their countries have been compelled to sell, to pay the expenses of the war.

A thousand dollars spent on a ball or a dinner, is gone as soon as the entertainment is over. A thousand dollars invested in any productive enterprise continues to increase as long as it is used. Very few American housewives have any idea to economize in household expenditures. Our women can well copy the French, the Belgian and the Germans in their methods of operating a household. They use what we waste, and what they save is kept and invested.

The State of California has more automobiles per number of inhabitants than any other state in the Union, and probably more than any other country in the world. Contrary to the general opinion, this is not something over which we can be proud, but rather it is a sign that many of our people are spending, on pleasure and luxury, more than they can afford. They are not only hurting themselves by their extravagance, but they are impoverishing their country, and unless we change our methods, we will not be in a position to compete with Europe at the termination of the war.

The entire continent of Europe is today practically in the condition that the United States was during the Civil War, in that their currencies are all depreciated and gold is at a premium. When the war is over it will be necessary for them to sell their products which have accumulated during this time, at almost any price which they can obtain, and no tariff which we are likely to see enacted will be high enough to protect our manufacturers and artisans against the flood of cheap manufactured goods which will be shipped to

ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS BLOCK

TO GO UP IN ST. HELENS—WILL OCCUPY ONE LOT—WORK IN PROGRESS.

IS A SIGN OF MORE PROSPERITY

Outcome of Business Started a Few Years Ago With One Automobile. Ready by September 15.

Some three and one-half years ago C. E. Stevens rented a space in the Stout livery barn for one automobile. A short time later business increasing, he purchased another machine, and secured space for the two cars in the old City Garage. Two years ago a deal was closed whereby he became owner of the Johnson Auto company's business. A company was organized at this time, known as the Independent Auto company, with C. E. Stevens manager, and they moved to the quarters which they now occupy. After another two years' growth and spreading out, the company have outgrown their present home and have begun preparations for the erecting of a new garage building at the corner of Cowlitz and Columbia streets.

The building will cover the entire lot, 100x100 feet, will be one and one-half stories high, with a corner entrance into the office and stock rooms, 30 x 30 feet, as large as their entire present quarters, and a side entrance from each street for automobiles, besides a machine shop in the rear of the building, and a room which will be occupied by R. Constantin's plumbing shop, a ladies' dressing room, and a locker for each automobile.

The structure will be of sheet metal, practically fire proof, with a plate glass front for the office rooms on the corner.

The company will install more machinery and appliances for their repair department, and will carry a complete stock of accessories.

Jack DSpain, who has the contract for the grading of the lot, put a crew of men and teams to work Monday morning, and will have the lot in readiness for the carpenters in a few days. J. H. Cronkite will construct the building, which he expects to have ready for occupancy about September 15th.

this country in exchange for our gold.

It is generally recognized that the losses caused by the fire of 1906 in San Francisco, and the waste of the Boer war were the direct causes of the terrible financial panic which swept the world in 1907. If these two comparatively small calamities caused a financial cataclysm such as the one mentioned, it is impossible to prophesy what the bad effect will be of the terrible losses of property and life, which are being sustained during the present terrific struggle. In order to prepare for this time of trouble, which we are almost sure to see, it is absolutely necessary that our governments, both national and local, should cease their extravagant expenditures; that the American people should change their mode of living; cease being wasteful and extravagant; accumulate their profits and husband their resources, so that if the panic does come this country will be in every way prepared to meet it.

* THE COMMUNITY SING *

The Community Sing at the City Park next Sunday night at 6:30 p. m., will have the same tone and rhythm that called forth requests for its continuance. All the choirs and singers of the community are invited to help. Yours to command, REV. JOHN FOSTER.